



## Announcements

### March 07-March 13

07 Sunday	08 Monday	09 Tuesday	10 Wednesday	11 Thursday	12 Friday	13 Saturday
	College class in annex Ollie's birthday		Constitution class at 6 p.m. in annex	Aufdengarten's anniversary		Caleb's birthday

Two birthdays and one anniversary this week.

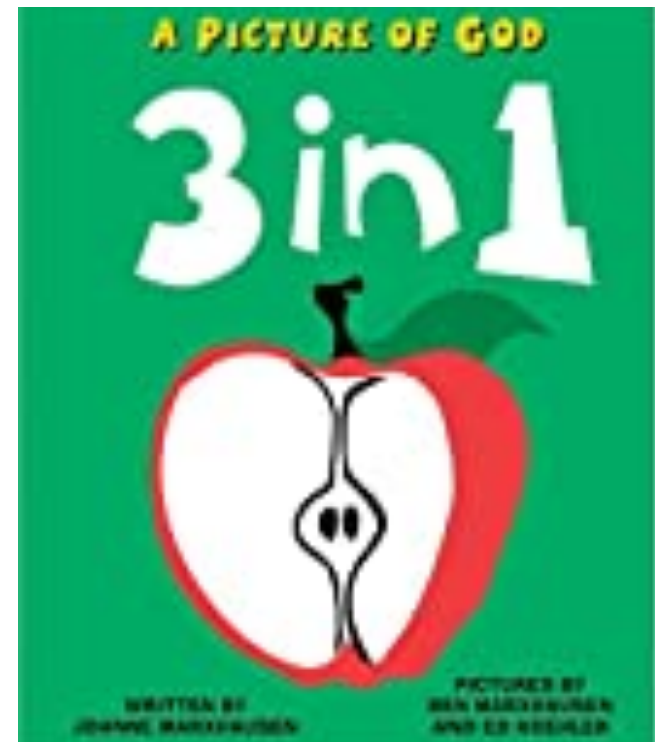
Campus minister: **Caleb Hughes**  
Youth/young adult minister: **Charles Fox**  
Minister: **Curtis Wubbena**

**February 28, 2021**  
Contribution: \$1,614.00  
Attendance: 25

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## Welcome Home to Alpine church of Christ

March 07, 2021



*Come join next Sunday's Bible class  
discussion on the "Trinity". Sunday, 9:45 a.m.*

# THE TRINITY AND APPLES

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Have you ever thought that an apple could be used to teach children about the Trinity? As odd as this might sound, the apple actually provides one of the best metaphors for the Trinity. Unlike symbols like the shamrock or triangle, which emphasize that something can be both three and one (i.e. a shamrock is one plant with three leaves and a triangle is one shape with three sides/corners), an apple can actually provide an explanation for yet another characteristic of the Trinity: the uniqueness of each divine Person. Begin the lesson by explaining what a symbol is. The Trinity is a great mystery of our faith, and thus it is

very difficult to understand and explain. Because it is so complicated, we need to use symbols and metaphors to make sense of it. It is very important to emphasize that there is no metaphor or symbol that will ever fully explain the Trinity, but there are some examples that can at least help us to understand a little bit about what the Trinity is. The apple is one such symbol.

An apple has three parts: the seeds, the flesh, and the skin. If you cut an apple in half, you can see that each of these three parts are different (you can even cut the apple for the children so that they can see what you're talking about). The seeds look different from the flesh, which looks different from the skin. Each serve a very different purpose, but they are all equally an apple. You can even go so far as to compare the three parts of an apple to the different Persons in the Trinity. The skin is like God the Father, because He protects us. The flesh is like God the Son, because Jesus Christ took on human flesh. The seeds are like God the Holy Spirit, because He helps us to grow. Each of the parts of an apple is different, but they are all 'apple.'

As a supplement to the apple Trinity activity, you can also read a book on the Trinity to the children. I highly suggest reading them "Three in One: A Picture of God" by Joanne Marxhausen. This book can be found in OLMC's resource room, and can be checked out for a period of one week.



*One example attempting to reference a situation where the 3 parts of an apple equals a whole apple.*

Sage advice from a friend and former Muslim on teaching the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
"I have not done any work regarding the Trinity, which happened to be the Muslims' biggest stumbling block. I have heard multiple commonplace illustrations on it (the three states of water, the parts of the egg, the three components of the sun etc) but those analogies can be counterproductive to Muslims when they're turned into theologies. My strategy is simply to tell Muslims that I don't know how the Trinity works, how can God be one but at the same time He's three persons. I only believe that because that's what the Bible says—the same way why you, Muslim, believe that He's one person because the Quran tells you that, and from there I take them to the Quran/Bible subject that you told me to present during my last visit." Wissam



***Interested in responding "yes" to the phrase, "take a hike"? Plans are in the making to visit hiking trails in our area. A suggestion of once a month, on Sunday afternoons, provides the foundation for this family activity. Interested? Respond to Caleb, Charles, or Carol ASAP.***